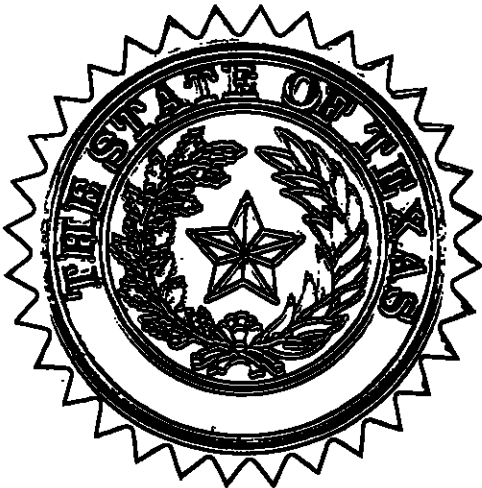


MESSAGE

I am allowing the following bills related to local retirement systems to become law without my signature: House Bill No. 3033, Senate Bill No. 1285 and Senate Bill No. 1286.

Each of these bills changes provisions of local retirement systems that receive no state support. Municipalities have the ability to make changes under laws that have already been passed, so forcing cities to come to the legislature to change their locally-funded retirement systems is an unnecessary exercise.

Following the 78th and 80th Legislatures, I allowed local pension bills to become law with the message, "The Texas Legislature should get out of the business of approving local retirement benefits for cities." I am disappointed that the legislature continues to mandate what local pension benefits must be. I strongly recommend that municipalities work with the legislature to repeal the mandate that certain cities must come to the legislature to change their pension systems.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have signed my name officially
and caused the Seal of the State
to be affixed hereto at Austin,
this 17th day of June, 2011.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Esperanza Andrade

ESPERANZA "HOPE" ANDRADE
Secretary of State

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AN ACT

relating to the funding of retirement systems for firefighters in certain municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 10.01, Chapter 183 (S.B. 598), Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6243e.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(a) Each municipality in which a fire department to which this Act applies is located shall appropriate and contribute to the fund an amount equal to a percentage [~~18.05 percent~~] of the compensation of all members during that month as follows:

(1) 19.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date following September 30, 2010, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2011;

(2) 20.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date following September 30, 2011, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2012;

(3) 21.05 percent, for 24 pay dates of the municipality beginning on the first pay date following September 30, 2012; and

(4) 22.05 percent, for all pay dates of the municipality that follow the 24 pay dates referenced in Subdivision (3) of this subsection.

(b) Each firefighter shall pay into the fund each month a percentage [~~13.70 percent~~] of the firefighter's compensation for that month as follows:

(1) 15.70 percent, for the pay dates of the municipality following September 30, 2010, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2011;

(2) 16.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of the municipality following September 30, 2011, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2012;

(3) 16.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of the municipality following September 30, 2012, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2013;

(4) 17.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of the municipality following September 30, 2013, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2014;

(5) 17.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of the municipality following September 30, 2014, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2015;

(6) 18.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of the municipality following September 30, 2015, through the pay date immediately preceding September 30, 2016; and

(7) 18.70 percent, for the first pay date of the municipality following September 30, 2016, and all subsequent pay dates of the municipality.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

S.B. No. 1286

David Newkumst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1286 passed the Senate on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Daisy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1286 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 31, three present not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

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Debra Ralston

Secretary of State